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This settlement is outrageous! The department of justice is NOT enforcing any restrictions and the DOJ is helping Microsoft to extend its monopoly into our public education system.

This entire case had a basis at the beginning of providing a choice to the consumer. So, why now does the government not only ignore that original goal, but helps to force our education professionals into the corner the average home user has been in for years. This is not an agreement that would in any way, shape, or form, promote a consumer's freedom of choice. If anything this agreement would show that a known monopoly can buy its way out of court.

Over the past few months I have heard of a few suggested resolutions to correct this very unjust agreement. There is only one that I would say makes any sense.

Instead of Microsoft donating \$1 billion dollars in software, force Microsoft to donate \$1 billion in cash to be used by the schools and our very competent education professionals to purchase the technology that they choose to be the best for them. This would not only promote freedom of choice for our schools, it would also prevent the onslaught of upgrade costs that Microsoft would surely impose in the years to follow.

Thank you,
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